

Table 17: Alberta Average Farm Input Prices (Dollars), 2007 and 2008

Item	Specifications	2007r	2008	% Chg. '08/'07
		Dollars		
Lumber, construction grade.....	2x6, spruce, thousand board feet (M)	497.01	428.46	-13.8
Lumber, rough grade.....	2x8, spruce, thousand board feet (M)	622.83	616.06	-1.1
Sheathing, plywood.....	unsanded, spruce, 9.6 mm, 4'x8' sheet	15.15	14.16	-6.5
Fence posts.....	standard grade, treated, 3"-4" x 7' post	3.93	3.90	-0.9
Concrete, ready-mix.....	20 MPA strength, cubic metre	167.11	181.41	8.6
Nails.....	standard grade, 4" spiral, 50 lb box	65.36	64.86	-0.8
Pipe, plastic.....	1" diameter, 75 PSI, 100' coil	59.31	59.63	0.5
Rods, steel reinforcing.....	10 mm x 6 metre	5.90	6.52	10.5
Barbed wire.....	12 gauge, double strand, 40 kg spool	53.34	57.67	8.1
Grain bin, hopper-bottom.....	3500 bushel capacity	12,087.28	12,894.69	6.7
Truck tires, 1st line, blackwall.....	LT285-70R-17 radial, enviro tax inc'd	309.13	312.83	1.2
Storage battery.....	12 volts, 24 series, 525 cranking amps	88.10	99.28	12.7
V-Belt, implement.....	1/2" X 70" fibre belt	13.15	13.56	3.1
Antifreeze.....	ethylene glycol, anti-corrosive, 4 litre	12.84	14.19	10.5
Mechanical repairs.....	farm machinery, per hour	86.52	94.62	9.4
Baler twine.....	plastic, 28,000' bale	29.80	29.62	-0.6
General farm labour.....	full time, without board, per month	2,321.27	2,466.74	6.3
Tractor.....	105-130 hp, 6 cylinder diesel, fwd (Changed from 100-110 hp to 105-130 hp July 2007)	93,572.57 (1)	93,415.42	N/A
Tractor.....	325-375 hp, 6-8 cylinder diesel, 4wd (Changed from 300-325 hp to 325-375 hp July 2007)	216,580.43 (1)	217,969.24	N/A
Combine, self-propelled.....	diesel, 250-310 hp, 250-315 bu hopper (Changed from 250-300 hp, 210-240 bu hopper to 250-310 hp, 250-315 bu hopper July 2007)	277,988.76 (1)	272,938.49	N/A
Air drill.....	40'-42', with packer wheels, 325 bu tank	135,162.23	138,270.74	2.3
Sprayer.....	pull-type, 800-900 gallon tank, 90'-100' boom	35,661.86	37,945.89	6.4
Round baler.....	pull-type, PTO driven, 5'x6' bale	40,358.12	38,973.24	-3.4
Double disc.....	heavy duty tandem, 19'-21', 22" blades	32,894.84	33,120.15	0.68
Truck, 3/4 ton.....	V-8, 5.4L or 5.9L, 4x4, 4 speed auto trans.	36,666.47	36,927.95	0.7
Calf starter ration.....	pellets, 13-20%, tonne (bulk) (Changed from 20-24% to 13-20% July 2007)	443.14 (1)	477.48	N/A
Dairy supplement.....	pellets, 32%, tonne (bulk)	504.03	586.50	16.36
Feedlot supplement.....	pellets, 32%, tonne (bulk)	345.52	394.60	14.2
Hog grower ration.....	15-17%, tonne (bulk) (Changed from 15% to 15-17% July 2007)	350.28 (1)	386.00	N/A
Swine supplement.....	pellets, 35-40%, tonne (bulk) (Changed from 40% to 35-40% July 2007)	541.63 (1)	642.33	N/A
Broiler grower complete feed.....	18-20%, tonne (bulk)	422.63	426.67	1.0
Cattle mineral, salt free.....	18% phosphorus:18% calcium, 25 kg bag	25.36	31.77	25.3
Feed barley.....	No. 1, farm gate, bushel	3.36	3.87	15.0
Feed wheat.....	No. 1, farm gate, bushel	4.19	5.60	33.8
Hay, good quality.....	baled, over 50% alfalfa, farm gate, ton	61.30	70.29	14.7
Fertilizer, Urea.....	46-0-0, tonne, bulk	546.67	731.37	33.8
Fertilizer, Monammonium Phosphate.....	11-51-0, tonne, bulk	570.15	1,158.88	103.26
Fertilizer, Anhydrous Ammonia.....	82-0-0, tonne, bulk (applicator inc'd)	877.16	1,166.59	33.0
Refine Extra.....	granular, 320 g	247.68	256.98	3.8
Assert 300 SC.....	liquid, 10.8 litres	259.40	261.71	0.9
Roundup WeatherMax.....	liquid, 10 litres	129.54	144.50	11.5
Penicillin G, injectable.....	short-acting, 300 mg/ml, 250 ml	13.43	13.90	3.5
Vitamin A D with E, injectable.....	IU/cc: A-500,000, D-75,000, E-50, 250 ml	25.31	25.58	1.0
Seed; wheat.....	certified No. 1, 100 kg, bulk	33.31	44.67	34.1
Seed; barley.....	certified No. 1, 100 kg, bulk	31.02	38.22	23.2
Seed; conventional canola.....	certified No. 1, treated, 100 kg, bagged	1,005.59	929.72	-7.5
Seed; herbicide tolerant canola.....	certified No. 1, treated, 100 kg, bagged	1,213.80	1,311.51	8.0
Gasoline, marked.....	regular unleaded, 100 litres	84.42	99.28	17.6
Diesel fuel, marked.....	100 litres (provincial allowance deducted)	74.58	98.23	31.7
Propane.....	liquefied, bulk, 100 litres	51.20	63.74	24.5
Natural gas.....	excl. service or delivery charge, GJ	6.37	7.60	19.2
Electricity.....	farm use, excl. service/delivery, 100 kWh	8.99	9.93	10.5
Oil, for diesel engines.....	CD-30W, enviro tax inc'd, 5 litres	14.74	15.67	6.3

Note: The prices reported are simple averages for the province and are based on a survey conducted in the first week of each month.

(1) Specifications changed July 2007 - average based on July to December 2007

N/A - Comparison is not appropriate due to change in specifications

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